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[redacted] United States Park Police Detective, was interviewed at 555 4th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20535, [redacted] was advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agents and that the purpose of the interview was regarding the Park Police shooting, of TREY JOYNER, in the Trinidad area, on 06/08/2009. Also in attendance was Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] attorney. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] became physically emotional, about the shooting incident, during the interview. Three United States Park Police (USPP) Detectives were in an unmarked, blue Chevrolet Impala police car. [redacted] was in the rear passenger side seat, United States Park Police Detective [redacted] was in the front passenger seat and United States Park Police Detective [redacted] was driving. [redacted] pulsed the siren a couple of times to pull over TREY JOYNER. JOYNER's car slowed down but continued going, then finally lurched or jerked to a stop. [redacted] stopped approximately five feet behind JOYNER's car.

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[redacted] was not a member of any Task Force. [redacted] only had information that they were going to be stopping a man in possession of a gun. [redacted] was unsure if he even knew the individual's name. [redacted] believed that JOYNER should have stopped and either given up or just run. However, [redacted] saw JOYNER bend down in the car and believed that it had something to do with the gun, which he knew JOYNER had. He saw JOYNER get out of his car and heard something metallic hit the ground.

[redacted] began screaming, "gun! gun!", or something to that effect. [redacted] moved forward between the Impala and JOYNER's car. The officers had done this hundreds of times before, but none of them had to shoot before. [redacted] saw JOYNER start to run, took a couple of steps toward the alley, turn around, and then dipped down. [redacted] then saw [redacted] come into his line of view. When JOYNER turned and dipped down, [redacted] believed that JOYNER was going for the gun and [redacted] went for cover behind the rear passenger side of JOYNER's car, by the tire.

[redacted] was struggling with JOYNER. JOYNER was directly in front of [redacted] across the car, while [redacted] was

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slightly to the left in _____ view. _____ could not recall where the other officers were during the shooting. _____ saw the gun in JOYNER's hand as it cleared the trunk of JOYNER's car and JOYNER swept the gun up _____ body. _____ had his hand on JOYNER's wrist or forearm and JOYNER attempted to point the gun down at _____

_____ was afraid to move forward. He heard _____ yelling at the top of his lungs, "Police, drop the gun!" (or something to that effect) and believed his own voice was drowned out by _____. JOYNER did not say anything. _____ saw the struggling. _____ and JOYNER broke apart while JOYNER still had the gun in his hand. JOYNER turned to the left, away from _____. _____ then _____ shot JOYNER. _____ didn't know that he had shot, though he had shot twice. _____ remembered feeling the recoil of his handgun. _____ believes he didn't hear any shots before he shot. Overall, _____ stated that he did hear shots, but did not know where they came from. The gun fell out of JOYNER's hand, JOYNER took two or three steps into the alley, and said something to the effect of "I give up," "I quit," or "I'm down," and sat down in the alley. _____ did not know if JOYNER had been shot because he did not see blood on JOYNER's T-shirt at first, but then he saw it appear very quickly. _____ noted that he saw JOYNER wearing a hat that day.

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After the shooting, _____ returned to the Impala and radioed the shooting. _____ went into the alley to check on JOYNER. _____ did not know that United States Park Police officer _____ was present on the scene or that he had shot as well. _____ saw United States Park Police officer and Task Force officer _____ standing on or over the gun that JOYNER had dropped. _____ said, "then hell broke loose." It was dusk out, approximately eight or 8:30 P.M.

_____ remembered seeing Metropolitan Police Detective _____ using his radio. _____ told _____ to get his rifle from the blue car (i.e., the Chevrolet Impala) for the purpose of controlling the crowd and get them to disperse. _____ slung the rifle over his shoulder, but it didn't intimidate the crowd at all. _____ believes that the media reported the rifle had been used in the shooting. _____ spoke to an individual named _____ LNU who witnessed the shooting and corroborated the officers' actions.

_____ has been a United States Park Police officer for approximately _____

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_____. He has known _____ and
his family for _____ knew that _____
_____ said that none of the
officers involved in the shooting that day had ever fired a shot
before. _____ commented that it was a "crystal clear shooting".
_____ said that there may be different statements about the
incident "out there" (referring to media reports and witness
accounts of the incident), but that his statement is truthful.

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At the beginning of the interview, AUSA [redacted] asked [redacted] to start at the beginning, recalling the events related to TREY JOYNER on the night of 06/08/2009. [redacted] requested a few minutes and left the room with [redacted]. When [redacted] returned, approximately 35 minutes later, he stated that the officers were not prepared to talk because they were "wound too tight." Approximately two hours later, [redacted] returned to be interviewed. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] of the Chevrolet Impala driven by United States Park Police officer [redacted] turned on his emergency lights and pulsed the siren to pull over TREY JOYNER. JOYNER opened his car door before he stopped his car. JOYNER stopped at the mouth of an alley, exited his vehicle, and had taken a few steps towards the alley. [redacted] opened his door as the Chevrolet Impala was coming to a stop. As he got out of the car, [redacted] heard a metallic-type object hit the ground. JOYNER took a couple of steps from his vehicle as [redacted] ran between the rear of JOYNER's car and the front of the Chevy Impala. [redacted] thought, "the chase is on." JOYNER turned, came back towards his car and bent down. [redacted] arrived at JOYNER as he was picking up the gun, which was right by the open door of JOYNER's car. [redacted] referenced the time from when he left his car to when the shooting occurred to be "very quick."

JOYNER picked up the gun and swept up [redacted] body with it as he came up. The muzzle crossed [redacted] face.

At this point during the interview, [redacted] became emotional.

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_____ had no opportunity to take cover, but he re-directed JOYNER's arm, that was holding the gun, with his hands between JOYNER's wrist and forearm. JOYNER was trying to maintain control of the gun while _____ was yelling, "drop the gun!" _____ saw JOYNER trying to bend his wrist down to point the gun at _____ face. Though _____ was unsure of exactly where he and JOYNER were, the two moved around for what seemed like a long time to _____ JOYNER did not drop the gun, despite _____ commands. _____ did not recall JOYNER saying anything during the struggle. Nor did he recall anyone else saying anything. _____ believed that his life and the lives of the other officers' were in danger.

_____ pushed JOYNER back with his right hand and drew his weapon. _____ left hand maintained a grip on JOYNER's wrist or forearm. _____ maintained his grasp on JOYNER while he fired. _____ recalled creating some space after shooting and moving back and down. He did not recall how many times he had fired. He then heard additional shots being fired.

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JOYNER stepped back and said, "ok, ok," or something to that effect. _____ thought that all of the shots missed JOYNER. _____ did not see JOYNER's gun at this point. JOYNER got down on the ground as _____ and Metropolitan Police Detective (MPD) _____ gave commands for JOYNER to get down. _____ handcuffed JOYNER on the ground and then rolled him over onto his back. Joyner's shirt started to fill with blood. _____ held JOYNER's head and told him to "keep breathing." JOYNER's eyes were glassy and he was gurgling. _____ then recalled the crowds starting to form and descending on the officers.

_____ showed _____ pictures of where JOYNER's gun ended up and _____ confirmed that he saw the gun in the same position and location as in the picture. _____ emphasized that he did not have his gun drawn when he ran up to JOYNER and he did not know where the other officers were positioned during the incident. _____ also said, "I don't want to kill nobody" and "I was hoping he [JOYNER] would drop the gun."

_____ was aware that JOYNER had information regarding a triple homicide because he was part of a cover surveillance team on the JOYNER case. _____ knew that officers had tried to purchase guns from JOYNER to assist in solving the triple homicide.

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However, [REDACTED] information about JOYNER was very generic and he did not know further details of the interest in JOYNER.

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[REDACTED] has been a United States Park Police officer for approximately [REDACTED] and has never been involved in any prior shootings.

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[redacted] did not know exactly what TREY JOYNER was involved in when United States Park Police officer [redacted] [redacted] had called [redacted] to assist with a car stop on a guy with a gun. A lookout had informed the United States Park Police officers that JOYNER was in his car and that he had a gun on him. The lookout suggested that the officers stage for a car stop once JOYNER passed by in his car. The officers identified the car and saw it make a right turn onto Holbrook Street. The officers followed JOYNER's car down Holbrook Street to make the stop. The lookout noted that JOYNER had a hat on, but [redacted] never noticed it during the entire incident.

[redacted] the blue Chevrolet Impala. Also in the car were United States Park Police officers [redacted] and [redacted] got behind JOYNER, turned on his emergency lighting, and hit the siren a couple of times. JOYNER pulled over to the left side of the road by an alley. [redacted] immediately got out of the car and onto the sidewalk, but stayed close to the driver side door of the car. JOYNER jumped out of his car with his gun in his waistband and his hands by his waist. JOYNER started to run away but his gun fell out of his pants. JOYNER took approximately one and a half steps toward the alley. [redacted] who was in the front passenger seat of the car driven by [redacted] ran between their car and JOYNER's and grabbed JOYNER as he was trying to pick up the gun. b6
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[redacted] had his back to [redacted] and was in the path of [redacted] gun. [redacted] was gripping JOYNER's arm with both of his hands. [redacted] yelled, "gun, gun, gun" and "get out of there" to [redacted] was going to shoot, but [redacted] had gotten in the way of his shot as JOYNER was reaching for the gun on the

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ground. Although [REDACTED] view was blocked by [REDACTED] he saw JOYNER trying to turn his gun down toward [REDACTED] after JOYNER had brought the gun up in the air. [REDACTED] and JOYNER separated and JOYNER spun around. [REDACTED] was unsure how or what caused the two to become separated.

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The next thing [REDACTED] remembers is JOYNER saying, "ok, ok" (or something to that effect), standing for a moment, and then dropping to the ground and falling on his back. [REDACTED] did not hear any of the gunshots and did not realize that he had shot, though he recalled the recoil of his gun. He was unsure of the exact time line of the events during the incident. [REDACTED] did not realize that JOYNER had dropped the gun, and therefore he approached JOYNER with his gun drawn as JOYNER lay on the ground. [REDACTED] thought [REDACTED] had gotten shot by JOYNER.

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[redacted] corrected the spelling of his name from [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] with Metropolitan Police Detective (MPD) [redacted] as a passenger. [redacted] the Chevrolet Impala when the United States Park Police officers pulled over TREY JOYNER. [redacted] the passenger side of JOYNER's car. [redacted] saw JOYNER bend to the floor inside his car to pick something up, get out, take a few steps, turn around, and then bend down to pick something up. [redacted] heard United States Park Police officer [redacted] yelling, "gun, gun" and saw United States Park Police officer [redacted] struggling with JOYNER.

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Although [redacted] did not see JOYNER sweep [redacted] with the gun, he did see the barrel of a gun in JOYNER's hand and saw JOYNER pointing the gun at [redacted] face or head. [redacted] was standing at the front passenger side of JOYNER's car with [redacted] behind him. [redacted] estimated that [redacted] is approximately 5'7" tall and that JOYNER was approximately the same height. [redacted] heard [redacted] tell JOYNER to "drop the gun." [redacted] heard a gun shot and saw [redacted] fall, down and away, back from JOYNER while JOYNER spun away toward the alley. [redacted] thought JOYNER had shot [redacted] in the head. [redacted] became emotional during this part of the interview.)

[redacted] said that his memory of things was a little foggy. However, he recalled hearing several/multiple gunshots, which he said occurred very quickly. He also heard someone, or more than one person, yelling, "get on the ground" and/or "get down." [redacted] did not recall shooting, but remembered his gun

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recoiling. [REDACTED] said that JOYNER appeared coherent and that JOYNER said, "ok, ok," went to his knees slowly, rolled to his side or back, and showed his hands. [REDACTED] saw that JOYNER no longer had a gun when he showed his hands. After JOYNER fell down, [REDACTED] went around the front of JOYNER's car to check on [REDACTED] thinking he was shot. [REDACTED] was very concerned. [REDACTED] saw JOYNER on the ground without a gun, but he did not see when JOYNER had dropped the gun. [REDACTED] saw JOYNER's gun, which had an extended magazine, lying on the ground.

Although he did not see [REDACTED] run over to JOYNER, [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was holding JOYNER's head up and telling him that an ambulance was on the way. A crowd had gathered, which began to approach the officers. [REDACTED] knew that the crowd needed to be controlled and told [REDACTED] "you got to watch our back." Eventually Metropolitan Police Department officers arrived and were able to get the crowd under control. [REDACTED] knew that JOYNER had been handcuffed at some point, but did not see it happen. [REDACTED] also remembered that initial information, obtained from the lookout, was that JOYNER was wearing a hat.

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[REDACTED] has been a United States Park Police officer for approximately [REDACTED] at the time of the shooting) and has never been involved in a shooting before this incident. He said that he is [REDACTED]